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1. The Chinese Communist decision to send volunteers to Korea accompanied by parts of the 12 and 13 Army Groups was opposed by many influential party members, who believed that the Korean intervention was unwise and that the reconstruction of China is the most important task. Although their views were not accepted, they still objected to committing the core (12 and 13 Army Groups) of the best equipped and trained field army against forces of the United Nations.
2. This view apparently was accepted in part by the Communist authorities, who decided that, "unless something extraordinary develops," to proceed warily in committing troops in Korea and to minimize losses by avoiding engagements unless certain of victory. The decision was based on the desire to conserve equipment and combat strength of troops now in Korea and along the Yalu River.
3. In early November 1950 CHAO Erh-lu, chief of staff of the Central and South Military District and the 4 Field Army (FA), returned to Hankow from Manchuria. He assumed office as Wuhan Garrison Commander -- replacing NI Chih-liang (倪志亮)* who accompanied troops to Manchuria -- and called a meeting of high-ranking personnel of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee on 7 November to report on the world situation and intra-district plans.
4. CHAC said that units of the 4 FA now stationed in the Central and South China Military District are adequate to suppress "reactionaries" and to meet

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emergencies. They will not move north for the time being if nothing extraordinary happens in Manchuria.

5. From 24 to 27 October, 12,000 men of the 40 and 44 Armies left Canton for North China. Only units of the 4 FA in Canton are 500 men of the 41 Division.
6. About 1,000 men (one regiment) of the 81 Division are now in Canton and 1,000 men of the 27 Division** garrison the Canton-Kowloon railroad.
7. Ten thousand men of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column under TSENG Sheng and two regiments of the 19 Public Safety Division are stationed in Canton and its suburbs.
8. Among troops in the East River area are soldiers formerly under FU Tso-yi.***

25X1 * [] Comment. According to information available to this office [] is, given as commander of the 39 Army, has been appointed ambassador to North Korea.

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25X1 *** [] Comment. [] the Communists are using less capable and less reliable troops to garrison this area.

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